Field Trains Command Post (FTCP)

FM 71-123

FTCP Functions *(FM 71-123)*

"Executes sustainment for tactical operations."

SUSTAINS THE FIGHT

- Coordinates BSA support
- ➤ Liaisons with BDE rear CP
- Coordinates actions with CTCP
- Configures LOGPACs
- Tracks CSS Critical Events (LRP / R2)
- Tracks CSS asset Location, Status, Commo
- Tracks Status by CO/TM (35MM)
  - CL III, IV, V
  - Combat Power
  - Casualty Location / Numbers
- Personnel / Replacements
- Assists Maintenance / Recovery / WSRO

TRACKS THE MVR FIGHT

- ➤ Friendly Disposition
- BCT / TF Graphics
- Enemy Disposition - SITEMP
- NBC / Minefields
- TF WO's / Frago's / OPORD's
- Combat Power
- Casualty Location / Numbers
- Prepared to accept mvr fight

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FTCP Composition (FM 71-123)

- **HHC CDR / 1SG**

- **Field Trains CP (HHC CP)**

- **PAC**

- **Mess Sections**

- **Company Supply Sections**

- **Maintenance / Support Platoon elements not forward deployed**

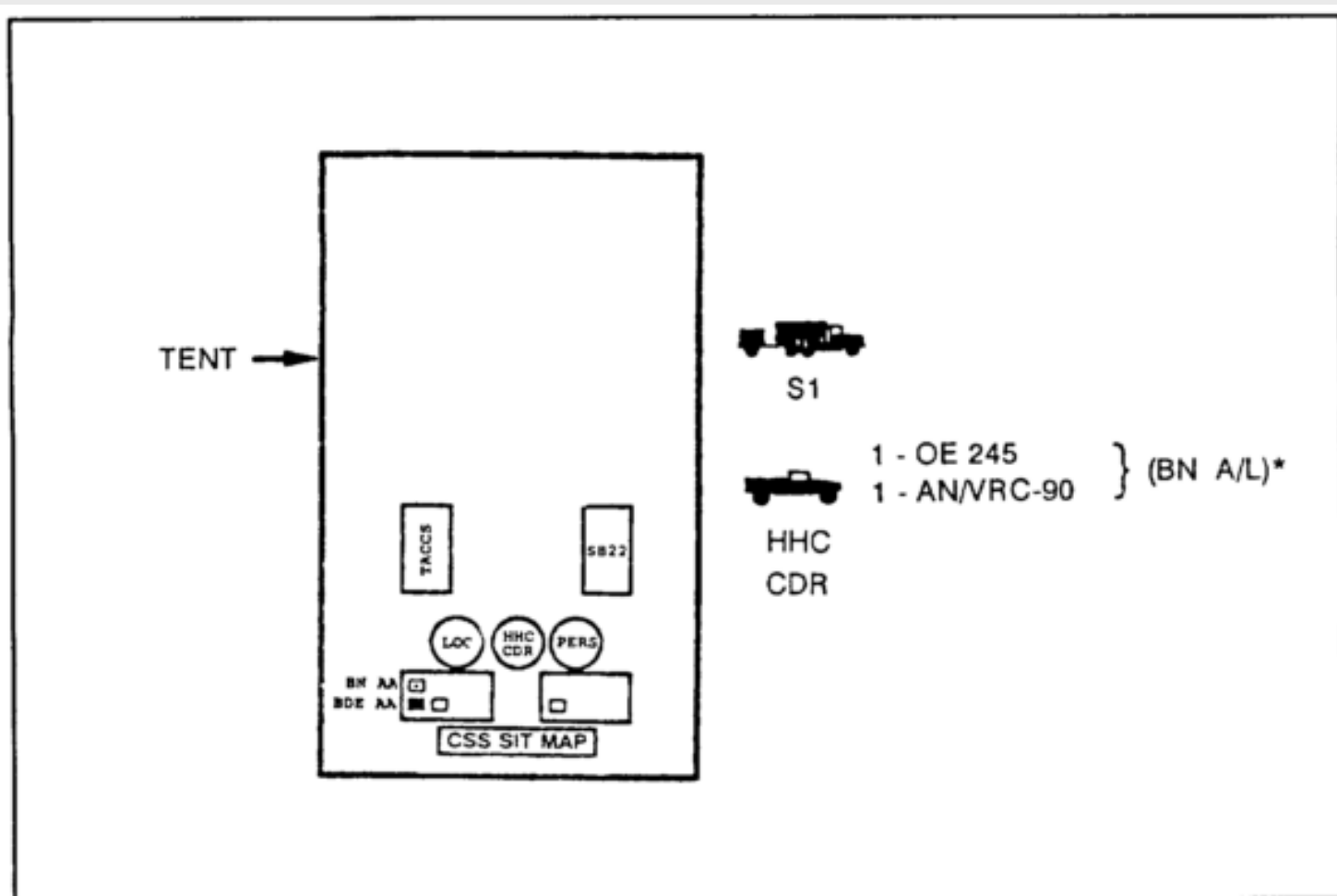Figure 1-11. Battalion task force field trains command post.

HHC COMMANDER

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PRIMARY DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinating support of the task force in the BSA.
- Acting as liaison officer to the brigade rear CP.
- Acting as battalion task force logistical "problem solver."
- Coordinating the flow of information between the combat trains CP and the field trains sections through communications with the S4.
- Directing the company team supply sergeants in the formation of the LOGPACs.
- Making decisions affecting CSS operations in the absence of the XO.

SUPPORT PLATOON LEADER

 Coordinates requisition, receipt / prep / delivery of Class I, III, and V

 Controls all LOGPAC movements forward as a march unit

SUPPORT PLATOON SERGEANT

 Assists Support Platoon Leader as required

 Acts as truck master of the transportation section

PLANNING

- **Logistics Estimate**
- **Casualty Estimate**
- **Asset Visibility (accurate and timely)**
- **Personnel Accountability**
    - **PERSTAT (accurate and timely)**
- **Casualty Evacuation Process**
    - **FAS, MAS, AXP, Reports (1155/1156, 1380, unit casualty log)**

PREPARATION

- **Rehearsals (CSS)**
- **FTCP Security**
- **Tracking "Battle Prep" (Class I, III, IV, V, Medics, and Maintenance)**
- **Build / Deliver LOGPACs**
- **Build R2 Packages**

EXECUTION

- **Tracking "Battle Execution & Sustainment Prep" (ability to serve as an alternate TOC)**

- **Updates reports**

- **Pushes logistical, personnel, and administrative packages**

forward to sustain the force
- **Class I, III, IV, V**
- **Replacements (meeting requests and transportation requirements)**

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EXECUTION (cont'd)

- **Consolidation and Reorganization**
  - **Process 1155/1156**
  - **Purple Hearts**
  - **GREGG Site (process KIAs and DOWs)**
  - **Letters of Sympathy (with Cdr's signature)**
  - **Personnel Accountability**
  - **R2 Package Push**

TASK FORCE LOGISTICS ESTIMATES

 Logistics estimates are rarely written.

 Key concerns are the status of Class III, IV, V, VIII and operational status of tanks, BFVs, and other combat vehicles.

 Frequently formulated in terms that answer the following:

  What is the current status of maintenance, supply, and transportation?

  How much is needed to support the concept of operation?

  How will it get to where it is needed?

  What external (FSB) support is needed?

  Can the requirements be met using LOGPAC operations, or are other techniques necessary?

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FTCP Tracking Charts

> **Operational Tracking**
> ➔ Friendly Disposition
> ➔ Enemy Disposition
> ➔ NBC/Minefields
> ➔ Combat Power

> **CSS Elements (Locations)**
> ➔ FTCP   ➔ GREG
> ➔ UMCP   ➔ EPW
> ➔ Trtmt Tms   ➔ CCP
> ➔ AXPs   ➔ LRP
> ➔ Decon Pts   ➔ FLE
> ➔ CL IV/V Pts

> **CSS Status**
> ➔ LOGSTAT Reports
> ➔ CL I Ration Cycles
> ➔ CL III, IV, V
> ➔ Transportation Assets
> ➔ Personnel Replacements
> ➔ Maintenace/Recovery/WSRO
> ➔ Casualty Location/Numbers

> **Concept of Support**
> ➔ BCT/TF CSS Graphics
> ➔ Mission Analysis
> ➔ LOG Estimate
> ➔ Wargaming/Orders/Rehearsals
> ➔ CSS Critical Events
> ➔ Adjacent Unit Coordination
> ➔ LOGPAC Time/Location

FTCP Situation Map

Note: Best if placed on corkboard so you can use push pins to battletrack.

PERSONNEL TRACKING

COMPANY	OH	WIA	KIA	MIA	REPLACEMENTS	TOTAL

CRITICAL TASK LIST

TASK	STATUS	REMARKS

COMBAT POWER

status □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□□□□□□□

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X= Deadline / = Deficiency

Figure 1-33. Tactical operations center charts.

TIME LINE ""___

TIME	EVENT	POC

SYNCHRONIZATION MATRIX

TIME/ EVENT	
ENEMY ACTION	
DECISION POINT	
CDR	
R/S	
TM __	
TM __	
TM __	
TM __	
TM __	
FIRE SUPPORT	
ENG	
ADA	
CSS	
C2	

OFFENSIVE BATTLE PREP TRACKING ....___

TASK	TMA	TMB	TMC	TMD	SCT	MOR	ADA	ENG
CMPLT ORDER ISSUE								
CO REHEARSALS								
TASK ORG COMPL								
CL III DELIVERED								
CL V DELIVERED								
PCI COMPLETE								
ADJ UNIT COORD								
GRAPHICS UPDATED								

DEFENSIVE BATTLE PREP TRACKING ....___

TASK	TMA	TMB	TMC	TMD	SCT	MOR	ADA	ENG
EA RECON								
BP RECON								
BP OCCUPIED								
ALT BP RECON								
PLT/CO SECT SEAT								
TRP'S MARKED								
REPO REHER								
TASK ORG COMP								
OBS COMP								
ORDER HAND OFF								
SURVEY STATUS								
CMPLT ORDER								
EA REHER COMP								
CL III DELIVERED								
CL IX DELIVERED								
CL V DELIVERED								
GRAPHIC UPDATED								

THREATS:

- **Guerrillas and partisans**
- **Forces that have broken through or bypassed the defense**
- **Enemy air assault and airborne insertions**

BASE DEFENSE CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Coordination with FSB CDR / BDE S4 for integration into the BSA defensive plan**
- **Establishment of perimeter defense immediately upon occupying a new position and prior to normal support activity commencement**
- **Prepared fighting positions for each individual / section**
- **Immediate challenge of unfamiliar personnel**
- **Plan of action for enemy infiltration of the FT**
- **Alarm to order personnel to fighting positions / warn of infiltration**
- **Rehearse your plan for defense**
- **Consider impact of LOGPAC operations on security**
- **Coordinate with adjacent bases / units**
- **Terminal effects of fires while engaging targets within the BSA**
- **Planned routes / firing positions of BSA QRF**

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